

FILING PETITION DEPENDS ON DATE

TIME SET BY SUPREME COURT
FOR CITY ELECTION EFFECTS
ANNEXATION MATTER.

Papers Must Be in Judge N. A. Larson's Hands By Tomorrow If Ballot is Held April 6.

When word is received from Springfield as to the decision of the supreme court as to the time of the city election, the petition for the annexation of the 1,500 acres of land south of this city will be filed in county court.

If the verdict comes this afternoon, the petitions will be placed then with County Judge Nels A. Larson. Since he will have to set the time for the vote on the proposition and since the legal date is still in doubt, it was deemed advisable to wait.

The petitions must be filed tomorrow, in case no word comes from Springfield by that time, because if the supreme court decides that the first Tuesday in April is the correct date for the election, and the matter is not then in county court, sufficient time will not elapse as required by law for the judge to call the election on April 6. This would mean that the matter would have to be laid over until the next general election.

To File Tomorrow.
Mayor J. M. Schriver plans on filing tomorrow and if no word is heard from Springfield, the county court can set the date for the first Tuesday. A new order can be entered later if made necessary by the decision of the higher tribunal changing the date to the third Tuesday.

About 350 names have been attached to the petitions and annexation is finding new friends daily in Seneca and the territory included in the proposition. Backers of the move declare that each day prospects for a big vote in favor of the acquisition of the territory to Rock Island grow brighter.

The proposition to annex the remaining territory to the south of the city limits, from Eighteenth avenue to Brashar and from Twelfth to Twenty-fourth streets is not being forgotten by city officials. Already committees at work in the territory have secured a majority of signatures and within a few days the petitions will be filed. More signatures will be secured so that no questions can be raised in the future in regard to the legality of the matter.

MUCH INTEREST TAKEN IN REXDALE'S LECTURE

The illustrated entertainment to be given Friday evening at the Edgewood Baptist church, forty-fourth street and Fifth avenue, will be open to the public. Superintendent Wilmer announces that the proceeds will go to the Sunday school fund. Robert Rexdale will deliver his lecture, "A Picture Journey Through Ohio Prison," and will also give an illustrated reading of "The Ancient Mariner." The musical part of the program will be furnished by friends of Edgewood church.

ANNIVERSARY SUPPER IS PLANNED FOR M. E. CHURCH

The committee in charge of the arrangements for the anniversary supper of the Laymen's Missionary movement which will be held on the evening of Feb. 11 at the First Methodist church are working hard and are gratified to announce that they have succeeded in securing for speakers of the evening Dr. J. V. Aitchison, Chicago, and Dr. E. H. Richards, Africa.

Dr. Aitchison is a man of recognized ability as a lecturer and is in constant demand. Dr. Richards has spent a number of years in Africa and is a scholar of unusual ability. Dr. C. W. Foss of Augustana college will preside. This will be one of the biggest inter-church events of the year.

DAVENPORTER IS CALLED BY DEATH

GEORGE MENGEL, WHOSE MATRIMONIAL AFFAIRS WERE
WIDELY KNOWN, DIES.

George Mengel, president of the Tri-City Plate Ice and Cold Storage company and pioneer brewer of Davenport, whose matrimonial affairs had been widely circulated, died at 4 o'clock this morning at his home, 1123 Brady street Davenport, after an illness of eight weeks.

Mr. Mengel was born in Schaberg, Germany, March 1, 1848. At the age of 17 he emigrated to America, settling in Terre Haute, Ind. Later he lived in Wisconsin and Chicago, where he was superintendent of a malt mill. From there he went to Omaha and various other cities in Iowa, settling in Davenport in 1876. He purchased the old Lottig Brewing company, and when the various companies combined, he was made president of the Davenport Brewing and Malt company, disposing of his interests later.

Mr. Mengel was one of the organizers of the Davenport Water Power company and Davenport Grain and Malt company, and was one of the first directors in the Farmers and Mechanics bank.

Married Three Times.
Mr. Mengel married three times. His first marriage to Miss Anna Duettner, occurred in 1869. She passed away in 1901. Later he married Mrs. Blanche Maier-Rueter, divorcing her after a bitter fight which lasted for over 10 years in the courts of Iowa, being taken before the Federal court once and the Iowa supreme court twice. On Jan. 26 of this year he married Mrs. Barbara Slapp. He was prominent in the social and business life of Davenport, and was identified with several other financial institutions.

He is survived by his wife and three brothers, Fred and William of Davenport and Henry of Moline and four sisters, who live in Germany. Funeral services will be conducted from the home, 1123 Brady street, Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Incineration will be in the Davenport crematory.

OBITUARY

William T. Schlueter, 59 years of age, a resident of this city for 59 years, and sexton of the German Lutheran cemetery for 23 years, died this morning at 7:45 at his home, Twenty-fifth avenue and Twenty-fourth street, from infirmities of age. Mr. Schlueter had been failing for about one year.

He was born in Sella, Hanover, Germany, July 16, 1855, where he grew to manhood. He emigrated to America in 1855, arriving in New York city on New Year's day. From there he went to Chicago, and later came to Rock Island, March 25, 1856, and had lived here since. He was united in marriage to Miss Rosie Kelm in Rock Island about 50 years ago. She passed away eight years ago. For many years he followed the carpenter's trade and was foreman of the carpenter shop at the arsenal under Commandants Rodman and Flagler. He was appointed sexton of the German Lutheran cemetery in 1876. He held this position up until 14 years ago, when he retired. Mr. Schlueter was a life-long member of the German Lutheran church. He was well known among the older residents of the city and leaves a large circle of friends to mourn his passing.

He is survived by five children, Mrs. Alvina Frense and Charles of Rock Island, and John, Henry and Amelia, all at home. Six grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday afternoon at 1:30 from the home and 2 o'clock from the German Lutheran church. Rev. Ph. Wilhelm will speak in English and German. Interment will be in German Lutheran cemetery.

Funeral of Mrs. Sederquist.
The funeral of Mrs. Hilda Sederquist was held at noon today from the home, 1204 Eighteenth avenue, Rev. Karl Nilsson, pastor of the Swedish Lutheran church officiating. After the services the remains were sent to Reynolds where interment was made.

Funeral of Raymond Buncher.
The funeral of Raymond Buncher, a resident of this city for over a half century, was held this morning at 8 o'clock from St. Joseph's church. Dean J. J. Quinn had charge of the services. Interment was in Calvary cemetery.

Funeral of Mrs. Hannah Kingsbury.
The funeral of Mrs. Hannah Kingsbury was held this morning at 10 o'clock from the home of her son, George H. Kingsbury, 1031 Twenty-third street. Rev. H. W. Reed, pastor of the First Baptist church, had charge of the services. Interment was in Chippianock cemetery.

The pallbearers were R. G. Summers, F. W. Freeman, George H. Saunders, S. J. Woodin, Forest Young and B. H. Wilson.

Inheritance Tax Levied.
Inheritance tax of \$150 on the estate of the late Eder Vandergrun, Cordova, as named in the report filed by C. L. Hubbard, inheritance tax appraiser, was approved by Judge Nels A. Larson in county court this morning.

SEXTON DECLINES TO BE CANDIDATE

PROMINENT MERCHANT WILL
NOT ENTER MAYORALTY RACE
BECAUSE OF BUSINESS.

H. H. Hull and William Ivins Take Out
Petitions for Commissioner—
Dart Is Out.

M. H. Sexton, who has been urged to enter the mayoralty race, today positively declines to be a candidate because of business reasons.

"I feel complimented that I have been considered for this important post," declared Mr. Sexton this afternoon. "It would be a high honor and a privilege for me to be mayor of Rock Island, my native city, but to consider it at this time would be entirely out of the question."

And by the way, Mr. Sexton would make an ideal candidate for the place. Two more candidates took out petitions for commissioner this morning. H. H. Hull, 705 Fourth avenue, formerly superintendent of streets and member of the board of education and instructor in molding at the high school manual arts building, started a petition in circulation today.

Wm. Ivins, who resides at 410 Nineteenth street, started petitions in circulation this morning also. It is also rumored that friends of W. L. Astor are attempting to induce him to enter the race.

The twelfth petition for commissioner was filed this morning by H. Frederick Schultz, 2537 Fifth-and-a-half avenue.

A. J. Riess, druggist and promoter of the 1600 Business Men's association and its first president and former supervisor, filed his petition for nomination for commissioner this afternoon.

Dart for Mayor.
J. Stuart Dart, socialist candidate for mayor, filed his petition this afternoon.

Two others announced their candidacy yesterday for commissioner. Charles Galdensopf, 2132 Ninth street, employed at the Rock Island wood works, and Robert J. McArthur, who was one of the owners of Watch Tower park last year, started circulating petitions.

VERDICT OF JURY FAVORS GUS BEHN

SUIT FOR RECOVERY OF NOTE OF
\$15 STARTED BY FRED GAR-
NETT IS ENDED.

A jury in the circuit court after one-half hour's deliberation this morning found verdict in favor of the defendant, Gus Behn, in the suit against him started by Fred Garnett to recover a note of \$155.

Following the verdict the case in which the Lagomarcino-Grupe company of Davenport is suing Booher & Long, East Moline grocers, for \$50 claimed on a fruit and ice cream account was started and indications were that it would not go to the jury until late this afternoon.

The Davenport concern, represented by Attorney Albert Huber, claims that the East Moline grocers owe \$9 on an ice cream account and \$41 on a fruit account. The defendants represented by Attorney A. B. Johnson, claim they overpaid the ice cream account sufficient to make up for what they owed on the fruit bill.

ARGUMENTS CLOSE ON DATE OF VOTE

Mayor H. M. Schriver received word from City Attorney James F. Witter this afternoon stating that the attorneys in Springfield for Moline and Rock Island had closed their arguments before the supreme court and that the high tribunal had taken the mandamus case under advisement and would make its report tomorrow morning on the question of the legal time to hold the city election.

Mr. Witter declared that the petition had been filed by Attorney G. A. Shalberg against City Clerk C. V. Johnston, Moline, to force him to hold the election on the first Tuesday in April. Answer was filed by City Attorney James Johnston, the case brought to issue and then argued by the attorneys. The court announced that it would render its decision at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

BELT ROAD ROUTE FINALLY SECURED

Nothing now stands in the way of building of the First avenue belt road, to extend from Seventeenth street west into the factory district, the last essential of formality having been practically settled. This was securing of an option on a strip of property along the route, refusal of the owner to accept the proffered price having halted the preliminaries for many months.

No official announcement has been made as to what the next step will be with reference to the belt enterprise, but it is presumed it will be constructed in accordance with the plans laid down when the funds were provided through the Rock Island club booster fund.

All the news all the time—The Argus.

Our Money Raising
Sale will save you
money—Sale lasts
8 days more, till
Feb. 13th. Come.

BILLINGS & HERZOG

1811-13 Second Ave. . . . In the 1600 White Block

A SALE OF NEW
KNIT GOODS AT
1/2 PRICE AND
LESS

STRONG VALUES FROM

Our Money Raising Sale

50c women's
brassieres,
dainty lace
edge, plain
tailored; all
sizes just re-
ceived.

15c

New arrival
of the well
known model
brassieres
of which we
are the exclu-
sive agents—
extra special
values at

50c to
\$1.50

25c children's
all wool auto
hoods, lined
and unlined,
for

10c

\$1.50 to \$2.00
children's all
wool knit rom-
pers, red, gray,
navy and com-
bination.

50c

75c to \$1.50 women's and misses' auto
hoods, lined and unlined, plain and fan-
cy stitches, including
knit hats 25c

\$2.00 to \$4.00 values—Women's and
boys' all wool and worsted sweaters—
boys' sizes 6 to 14,
women's, 34 to 42 \$1.00

New spring Electric house dresses, 15
different styles, including the new ad-
justable dress. You
will like these \$1.00

\$2.00 to \$3.00 women's corsets, in coutil
and batiste—tops satin and ribbon trim-
med, 6 hose supporters
attached 98c

\$5.00 high grade corsets, in fancy silk
brocade, very fancy trimmed tops, all
this season's models. \$1.98

New silk waists of Rajah and tub silks,
in the new sand shades
and fancy stripes \$1.98

Choice of any remaining fall suit in our
stock, formerly priced \$15.00 to \$25.00.
These are not extreme styles—good
for early
spring \$6.95

Dresses of silk and serge, formerly priced
\$7.95 to \$10.00
now reduced to \$3.69

New silk poplin dresses just received,
colors black, navy,
copenhagen and gray \$5.00

Remarkable values in women's and
misses' coats. These were formerly
marked \$10.00 to
\$12.50 \$5.00

3 new styles in pretty wash dresses—
trimmed with dainty
embroidered collars \$1.95

New Circular skirts, \$2.98 values; also
a lot of fall skirts,
\$3.98 to \$5.00 values \$1.98

25c children's
drawers, leg-
gings, in red
and black with-
out feet.

19c

25c women's
hose, factory
lots, in white,
tan and black
—15c a pair or
2 pair for

25c

Women's and
misses' fur
neck scarfs
and shawls—
\$3.98 to \$5.00
values at

\$1.98

15c women's
hose, strong,
clean and soft,
factory lots,

10c

MAN INDICTED BY GRAND JURY BACK

STATE'S ATTORNEY RETURNS
WITH WILLIAM J. WILSON
FROM CALIFORNIA.

Innocence is Declared by Prisoner,
Who Avers That Matters Will be
Straightened Satisfactorily.

State's Attorney Floyd Thompson returned to this city this morning from San Bernardino, Cal., bringing with him William J. Wilson, indicted by the January grand jury with having embezzled \$779 of money belonging to the Crescent Telephone company, with head offices at Hillsdale.

Wilson professes innocence of the charge. He declares that he did not appropriate the money but that the Crescent people owe him for back salaries. He avers that if he has an opportunity to talk with the officers that the matter can be straightened out and that they will drop the affair.

It was planned to take the man before Judge Ramsey in circuit court some time today for the purpose of giving bonds. He is to be held under \$2,000 bail.

Thompson Wins Case.
Wilson following his arrest in San Bernardino through attorneys started habeas corpus proceedings, compelling State's Attorney Thompson to go there to fight the efforts of the man to defeat the extradition proceedings. The local official was successful.

The state of Iowa and Scott county have paid out hundreds of dollars in an endeavor to return a man wanted in Davenport from California. A deputy sheriff went there following the arrest but the man sought got out habeas corpus papers and thus far has been successful in evading the Iowa authorities while they have spent a considerable sum to no avail.

Mr. Thompson felt that the quickest way and that at which the least expense would be caused to the county and state would be for him to personally go to the coast to bring back his man.

MAN DESPONDENT OVER LOVE AFFAIR SUICIDES

Frank Irish, 34 years of age, prop-
rietor of a livery stable, 324 Locust
street, Davenport, committed suicide
at 3:30 yesterday afternoon at his
place of business by taking a quantity
of carbolic acid. The rash act was
committed at 3:30 and he died shortly

after. The acid did not burn the flesh
about the lips and a post mortem was
conducted to determine the cause of
his death. Irish left a note blaming
one of his young lady acquaintances
for the act, stating that she had jilted
him. Irish was born and reared in
Davenport. He leaves one brother
and two sisters, all of whom reside
there.

TO ARRANGE TIME CRIMINAL TRIALS

State's Attorney Floyd Thompson, who returned this morning from California, where he has been the past week or so, arguing habeas corpus proceedings, declared that he thought that he would take up criminal work about March 1 in circuit court.

None of the prisoners indicted by the January grand jury has plead as yet and following a consultation with Judge Ramsey it is likely that the definite date for the starting of the trial of criminal cases will then be decided upon.

It may be that when Judge R. W. Olmsted returns from Morrison where he is now engaged in the trial of civil matters in the circuit court there, that he will take up criminal work in the branch court, which will be conducted here for the remainder of the term in order to dispose of many of the cases which are crowding the docket.

ONE INJURED AS SAFE IS BLOWN

The safe taken from the general
store at Illinois City by yeggs Monday
night was located late yesterday one-
half mile north of that place. It had
been dynamited and blown open. The
thieves secured between \$25 and \$50
in cash but most of the papers, includ-
ing \$2,000 in notes were found near
the vault.

Indications were that one of the gang
which carried the safe from the
store was injured in the explosion, for
a number of papers bore marks of
blood. Crows were not furnished
through the finding of the safe, accord-
ing to information given Sheriff
George H. Richmond.

LEITHNER AND WEISHAR AWARDED EAGLE CONTRACT

Leithner and Weishar, electrical
contractors, have been awarded the
contract for the installation of the
electrical fixtures in the new Eagles
building. The cost is \$1,000. The
new Brascolite illuminating system
will be used exclusively. Leithner &
Weishar also installed the new X-ray
lighting system in the Island City
bowling alleys.

TWO CASES IN COUNTY COURT GO BY DEFAULT

Judgment was entered by County
Judge Nels A. Larson in two cases
today by default of the defendants
to appear. In one the amount was
\$370.55 against John, Charles, George
and Henry Klehm and in favor of the
Sheboygan Fruit Box company. Judgment
of \$219.65 was entered against
Albert Ostlund, Moline, in favor of
the Beckly Ralston company.

BRASS THIEF IS GIVEN 30 DAYS

STEALS 15 POUNDS OF MATERIAL
FROM ROCK ISLAND BREW-
ING COMPANY.

James Hanlon, 24 years of age, was
sentenced to serve 30 days in the
county jail this morning by acting
Magistrate Schroeder on a vagrancy
charge. Hanlon was arrested yester-
day morning by Special Agent St.
Claire of the Rock Island lines, for
stealing 15 pounds of brass from the
storehouse of the Rock Island Brew-
ing company. Hanlon was on the rail-
road property when taken. The charge
of larceny was first made, but this
was later amended to vagrancy. The
brass was valued at \$1.50.

Hanlon pleaded guilty to the charge.

JOE TUCKIS RESIGNS HIS POSITION AT M'CAVE STORE

Joe Tuckis, who for twenty years
has been employed as window trim-
mer at the L. S. McCabe store, has
resigned his position and will leave in
six weeks with Mrs. Tuckis for At-
lantic City, to make their future home.
Mrs. Ray, mother of Mrs. Tuckis, re-
sides in that city. Mr. Tuckis stated
today that while he has made definite

PERSONAL POINTS

Major G. M. Hoffman, head of the
United States engineers in charge of
the improvement of the upper Missis-
sippi, with head offices in the federal
building here, is in Washington, D. C.,
on business relative to his official
work. It is likely that he will return
Monday.

Cash Funeral Held.
The funeral of Sista G. Cash, 20-
month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs.
Dallas Cash, was held this afternoon
at 2:30 from Knox's chapel. Inter-
ment was in Chippianock cemetery.

All the news all the time—The Argus.

POLITICAL ADVERTISING. For Commissioner



Henry Ruben
To the Voters of the City of
Rock Island:

I have been a resident of
Rock Island for the past 30
years, and for the last two
years a member of the board
of supervisors. My official
acts as a member of that
body are in the county rec-
ords.

I have owned and man-
aged a successful business for
the past 25 years and am now
located at 219 Seventeenth
street, Rock Island, and en-
gaged in the shoe and cloth-
ing business. Please in-
vestigate my past, and if in your
opinion I am qualified to fill
the position to which I as-
pire, your vote will be ap-
preciated, and if elected will do
my full duty to all the people
all the time.

HENRY RUBEN.

Of Interest to Men

Deduct \$1.50 from the
regular price of a pair of
celebrated Edwin Clapp
shoes, fine footwear worth \$7 to
\$9 a pair the country over—
there, you have in a few words
the proposition that holds good
tomorrow and Saturday in M.
& K.'s matchless shoe depart-
ment. Here is your opportunity
to know REAL SHOE STYLE
and COMFORT if you never
have before.

There are three excep-
tions to the above state-
ment relative to price re-
ductions on Clapp shoes. They
are exceptions even more to
your advantage. We are clos-
ing out a line of Edwin Clapp
tans in broken sizes at a re-
duction of \$2 a pair. These
tans are in three models, two
laces and one button. Regular
\$7 shoes you can get tomorrow
and Saturday for \$5 a pair.

Act Quick

